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SUBJ: EMBASSY USE OF AP, UPI OR REUTERS WIRE SERVICE

REF: STATE 39280

1. ALL THREE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN GENEVA. SINCE 1969 MISSION'S USIO HAS BEEN TAKING UPI SERVICE. PRIOR TO THAT DATE IT ALTERNATED EVERY 18 MONTHS BETWEEN AP AND UPI, BUT REDUCED BUDGET FORCED IT TO CONFINED ITSELF TO CHEAPEST SERVICE AVAILABLE.

2. CURRENT RATES ARE UPI \$175 PER MONTH, AP \$300 PERMONTH AND REUTERS SFR. 1,000 (ROUGHLY \$390) PER MONTH. FOR EACH SERVICE THERE ARE ONE-TIME INSTALLATION CHARGES, MONTHLY RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT AND DELIVERY CHARGE OF ABOUT \$50, CALL PAYABLE TO PTT.

3. DURING SECRETARY'S VISITS TO GENEVA, MISSION RENTED UPI AND AP SERVICE FOR PRESS CENTER AT HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL. REUTERS MADE SERVICE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR PRESS CENTER. DALE

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